



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: December 9, 2008

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Administration, Airport Department

SUBJECT: Airport Commission Liaison

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council invite the City of Goleta to appoint a non-voting Liaison to attend Airport Commission meetings.

DISCUSSION:

Background

The Airport is an important air transportation asset that serves the region encompassing Santa Barbara County. While owned by the City of Santa Barbara, Airport operations affect the area surrounding it. In 2004 the area surrounding the Airport incorporated as the City of Goleta.

Airport staff has worked cooperatively with Goleta and County staffs on a number of issues and projects and Council has expressed a desire to maintain a positive working relationship with the City of Goleta. Consistent communication between the agencies is important to maintaining a working relationship at both Council and staff levels.

City of Goleta Liaison to Airport Commission

The City of Goleta has expressed interest in appointing a non-voting liaison to attend Airport Commission meetings to share information on current projects and issues. Councilmembers serve as liaisons to all City boards and commissions. Councilmember House is currently the liaison to Airport Commission.

Staff concurs with Goleta's request and proposes that the Airport Commission Agenda list the liaisons for both Santa Barbara and Goleta and that the Commission Agenda include a standing item for Liaison Reports.

At its regular meeting of November 19, 2008, Airport Commission unanimously concurred with Goleta's request and the proposed listing of a standing item on the Commission Agenda. The Commissioners recognize the benefit of having a consistent exchange of information and concerns between the two agencies. As the relationship between the Airport and Goleta is relatively new, Commissioners felt that starting with a liaison would allow for the relationship between Santa Barbara and Goleta to mature and, in the future, Council may wish to consider a more formal relationship.

SUBMITTED BY: Karen Ramsdell, Airport Director

APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office